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Dear Foreign Minister Kasim:

You know how deeply concerned we have been about the possibility of Soviet intervention in Poland. We have closely monitored this dangerous situation for a number of months. In the last thirty-six hours, however, we have received hard intelligence and political signals that some form of Soviet intervention may be imminent.

Because of this precarious situation, the President and the Vice President have agreed that my departure from Washington should be delayed by 24 hours. This would regrettably cause me to miss His Majesty in Amman, although my stay in London could be extended for some time to meet with him there later in the week. In order to do this, as well as cause the minimum disruption to my schedule elsewhere, I must cancel my planned stopover in Amman on this trip.

Please accept my deepest regrets for the inconvenience this causes you. Charge Zweifel will be in touch with you to see whether His Majesty might meet with me in London.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

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